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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

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Sir:

The present application is in U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IB00/00310, filed on March 20, 2000. The present application is also a continuation-in-part (CIP) under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, U.S. Application No. 09/701,523, U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 and U.S. Application No. 09/936,789.

Applicants attach an Equivalent to form PTO-1449 listing the art cited in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531. Applicants are confident that the Examiner has reviewed and considered the art in accordance with MPEP Section 609.1.A.2. However, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner returns the enclosed form initialed, in order to ensure that the items listed therein appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Applicants further point out that a 1449 form was filed on May 6, 2005 together with copies of the cited art. The form was never received in return initialed by the Examiner. Applicants are resubmitting the 1-page form and respectfully request that all the items listed thereon be initialed by the Examiner to ensure that they appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application. Applicants assume that the art has already been considered by the Examiner in accordance with MPEP 609.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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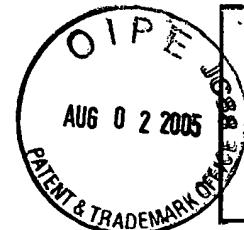

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